

# Kaczynski's brother cashes in

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department gave a \$1 million US reward to David Kaczynski for turning in his brother, Theodore, as the Unabomber. He has said he would use the money to ease the grief of families victimized by his brother's bombs.

The decision to award the money to the Unabomber's younger brother was announced Thursday by Justice Department spokesperson John Russell.

The FBI had tracked the Unabomber futilely for 18 years before his capture in a remote, hermit's shack in Montana in April 1996. Agents involved in the hunt said they might never have found the reclusive ex-mathematics professor without the help provided by David Kaczynski.

David Kaczynski approached the FBI through a lawyer after he read portions of the Unabomber's 35,000-word manifesto that federal agents had prevailed upon The Washington Post to publish. It reminded him of letters from his 55-year-old brother, who had moved to Montana after quitting a job at the University of California at Berkeley.

Kaczynski's trial ended in a plea bargain last January. In return for his guilty plea, the government, citing his apparent mental illness, agreed not to seek the death penalty. He was given four life sentences in May.

In 16 attacks between 1978 and 1995, the Unabomber killed three men and injured 29 others.

Last September, David Kaczynski said he would use the \$1 million reward — if he got it — to help ease the grief of bomb victims' families.

"My mother and I respect their loss and wish to do whatever we can to ease their grief," said David Kaczynski, 47, a social worker in upstate New York.

A law firm offered to help him set up a trust fund to help survivors of the bombings, he said as he accepted an award for having the courage to notify authorities about his brother.

"I know that mere money cannot compensate for the loss of a loved one or rebuild a shattered life," David Kaczynski added.

The Courage of Convictions award was presented by Equinox,



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which runs the Albany-based youth shelter where he works.

He minimized his own courage, saying that ideal is more embodied in the homeless youngsters he counsels in his job.

David Kaczynski said the pain of realizing his brother might be the Unabomber still lingers.

"The horror is with us now, and I very much doubt that it will ever leave us completely," he said at that time. "Someone we love went over the edge — or so it seems."

He lobbied to have his brother spared from the death penalty.

"I hope that Ted will someday forgive me," he said.